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Hon. Edward M. Chen
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Northern District of California
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: *Synopsys v. Ricoh Company, Ltd.,*
 Case No. C03-2289 MJJ (EMC)
 Ricoh Company, Ltd. v. Aeroflex, Inc., et al.,
 Case No. C03-4669 MJJ (EMC)**

Dear Magistrate Judge Chen:

Please be advised that the parties are still discussing the Special Master issues raised in your September 8, 2005 Order Regarding Guidance and Meet and Confer. The parties will file a joint letter relating to those issues and suggesting candidates by no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

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